

Application Serial No.: 09/591,687

Attorney Docket No.: 47004.000074

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7 and 16-30 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 19 are amended; claims 29 and 30 are added; and claims 2-6 and 9-15 are canceled, with claim 8 previously being canceled. No new matter is presented by this Amendment. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

B. The 35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection

The Office Action asserts that claims 1-7 and 9-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action asserts that the claims contain subject matter (...."simultaneously" in claims 1 and 7) which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

This rejection is traversed. The application on page 10, lines 14-17, sets forth the information may be displayed to the customer as set forth in Fig. 3. Applicant submits that such description supports the "simultaneously" related features as set forth in the claims. The language related to "simultaneously" simply means at the same time or the like, which Applicant submits is clearly supported.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection is requested.

A. THE CLAIMS DEFINE PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Office Action, claims 1-7 and 9-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ellmore, US Pat. No. 7,058,817 in view of Hobbs US Pat. No. 5,987,454. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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The features of claim 1 are set forth above. In particular, claim 1 recites:

connecting to a trusted service provider having special access requirements, wherein a **trusted service module acts as an intermediary** between the host service provider and the trusted service provider; and

wherein the trusted service module receives a sessionID from the trusted service provider;

wherein the **trusted service module places a text file** on the user's network data acquisition module;

On page 4, the Office Action sets forth the basis of rejection of such claimed features. In particular, the Office Action asserts that:

As to claims 2 and 10, Ellmore discloses a trusted service module (140 fig. 1) acts as an intermediary between the host service provider and the trusted service provider (see col. 5 line 17 to col. 6 line 55),

As to claims 3 and 5, Ellmore discloses receiving the session ID from the trusted service provider and text file comprising a cookie (see figs. 2, 3, col. 6 line 66 to col. 7 line 67).

As to claims 4,6 and 9, Ellmore discloses placing a text file on the user's network data acquisition module and registering the user with the remote service provider (see col. 9 lines 3-60 and col. 10 lines 20-64).

Accordingly, the Office Action is relying on Ellmore's component 140 as the trusted service module.

In column 5, line 62 - column 6, line 5, Ellmore describes the application server 130 is coupled to the systems of the various lines of business 190-196 through a communication server 140 and a delivery processor 145. Ellmore further teaches that if a customer wishes to view more detailed information regarding an account, or wishes to conduct some transactions, the user is coupled to the specific line of business system 190-196 that maintains the desired

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account. The communication server 140 and the delivery processor 145 together they serve as a middleware component for communication between the application server 130 and the line of business systems 190 196.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action mischaracterized the claimed invention. The Office Action reflects that Ellmore discloses placing a text file on the user's network data acquisition module and registering the user with the remote service provider. However, claim 1 particularly recites that the **trusted service module places a text file** on the user's network data acquisition module, not merely that a text file is placed.

Applicant submits that Ellmore fails to teach such features. That is, the element 140 of Ellmore (relied on in the Office Action for the trusted service module) is described as a communication server. Such fails to teach the particulars as recited in claim 1, i.e., the trusted service module places a text file, as recited.

Further, claim 1 recites wherein a trusted service module acts as an intermediary between the host service provider and the trusted service provider. Applicant submits that the communication server 140 fails to teach such feature, as recited. Indeed, Ellmore simply teaches that the communication server 140 acts as middleware.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 recites patentable subject matter at least for the reasons set forth above. Further, claims 7 and new claim 29 recite patentable subject matter at least for some of the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant submits that the dependent claims recite patentable subject matter at least for their various dependencies on claims 1, 7, and 29, as well as for the additional subject matter recited in such dependent claims. New claims 29-30 are added to recite further novel aspects of Applicant's invention.

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The applied art to Ellmore and Hobbs fails to teach or suggest the claimed features.

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that Ellmore fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

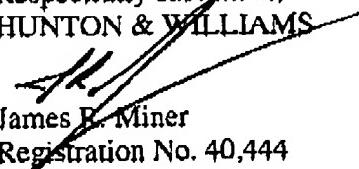
B. CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons outlined above, Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully solicited.

For any fees due in connection with filing this Response the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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